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TAGS: OVIP (GOROG, WILLIAM F.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WILLIAM F. GOROG

1. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL WILLIAM F. GOROG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD, WITH ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY (CIEP), WILL VISIT HUNGARY SEPTEMBER 22-27 AT THE INVITATION OF JANOS SZITA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. MR. GOROG WILL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, GRETCHEN, AND BY MR. DAVID M. EVANS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIEP (FOR NON-MARKET ECONOMIES). GOROG PARTY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BUDAPEST ON SEPTEMBER 22 AT 2055 VIA SWISS AIR FLIGHT NO. SR 468 FROM ZURICH AND TO DEPART ON SEPTEMBER 27 AT 0810 VIA MALEV FLIGHT NO. MA 600 TO VIENNA.

2. PROGRAM. GENERAL OUTLINES OF VISIT WERE DISCUSSED BY GOROG'S OFFICE WITH HUNGARIAN EMBASSY AND PROVIDE FOR TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS IN BUDAPEST SEPTEMBER 23-24 AND TWO DAYS OF TRAVEL OUTSIDE BUDAPEST SEPTEMBER 25-26. FOLLOWING IS PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS GIVEN TO EMBASSY HERE:

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(A) AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SZEKER;

NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE; NATIONAL PRICE OFFICE (PARTICULARLY CHAIRMAN BELA CSIKOS-NAGY); COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS; AND POSSIBLY NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.

(B) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DEPUTY MINISTER NAGY).

(B) MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

(D) HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK (FIRST DEPUTY PRESIDENT FEKETE).

(E) WITH REGARD TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE BUDAPEST SUGGESTION MADE TO INCLUDE VISIT TO MISKOLC (BIRTH PLACE OF GOROG'S FATHER), ALTHOUGH THIS NOT OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE IF IT DOES NOT FIT INTO SENSIBLE WEEKEND PROGRAM. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST VISIT TO CORN PRODUCTS FACILITY, IF FEASIBLE.

3. MRS. GOROG. MRS. GOROG IS INTERESTED IN THE VISUAL ARTS, MUSEUMS, OPERA AND MUSIC. GOROGS ARE COLLECTORS OF HEREND CHINA AND BOTH WOULD WELCOME VISIT TO PLANT.

4. DEPASST SECRETARY ARMITAGE BRIEFED MR. GOROG ON SEPTEMBER 2 ABOUT MAJOR PROBLEMS AND TRENDS IN US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. DEPARTMENT PROVIDING BRIEFING MATERIAL BASED ON THAT USED IN SZEKER VISIT AND WILL BRIEF MR. EVANS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RESERVE DOUBLE SUITE FOR MR. AND MRS. GOROG AND SINGLE ROOM FOR MR. EVANS AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24 AND 26. ASSUME HUNGARIANS WILL ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS OUTSIDE OF BUDAPEST SEPTEMBER 25. REQUEST EMBASSY WORK OUT PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH HUNGARIANS AND PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS ON PROGRAM OR SUGGESTIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE CONTAINED PARA 2 ABOVE. ROBINSON

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